

July 7, 1981

Mr. John D. Kinneman Chief of Materials Radiological Protection Section Nuclear Regulation Commission, Region I 631 Park Avenue King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 13406

RE: Inspection 81-01

Dear Mr. Kinneman:

As per your requirement 10 CFR 2.201, Saint Agnes Medical Center is responding to a cited violation. The citation is dated 19 June 1981 referring to an April 30, 1981 inspection.

The cited violation requires that technologists who administer hypodermic patient doses containing radioactive material wear disposable gloves. This particular requirement is routinely maintained as departmental policy. At the time of the inspection this glove-wearing requirement was not fully met due to the physical problem of vein palpation through the rubber disposable glove. Except for this instant the disposable gloves are routinely worn for the preparation of injection of radioactive materials.

In response to this citation may we state:

- 1. Corrective Steps The Medical Center and Radiology Department mandated that the disposable gloves be worn at all times during preparation and injection, with no exception to this requirement.
- 2. Assured Compliance Monitoring of this requirement will be maintained through our Radiation Physicist, Radiation Safety Officer, Department Administrator and Departmental Director.

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3. Date of Full Compliance - Full compliance has been achieved effective May 1, 1981.

In addition to the violation response, your office had requested a written confirmation regarding the procedure for control and review of radiology personnel dosimetry. The control procedure is established as follows:

- 1. Dosimetry results are reviewed monthly by our Radiation Health Physicist and the Radiation Safety Officer.
- 2. Quarterly reviews will be made and documented in the minutes of the Radiation Safety Committee.

Should you have any questions concerning our response, we will be pleased to review them with you.

very truly yours

Thomas P. Callaghan / Executive Vice President

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